

visions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 or 6 of rule XXI are waived. During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 6 of rule XXIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (1) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and (2) reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed question that follows another electronic vote without intervening business, provided that the minimum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be fifteen minutes. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

When said resolution was considered. After debate,

On motion of Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, the previous question was ordered on the resolution to its adoption or rejection and under the operation thereof, the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

186.35 ENERGY AND WATER

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. NUSSLE, pursuant to House Resolution 194 and rule XXIII, declared the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2203) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. NUSSLE, by unanimous consent, designated Mr. OXLEY as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole; and after some time spent therein,

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. KLUG, assumed the Chair.

When Mr. OXLEY, Chairman, reported that the Committee, having had under consideration said bill, had come to no resolution thereon.

186.36 ORDER OF BUSINESS— CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2159

On motion of Mr. SOLOMON, by unanimous consent,

Ordered. That consideration of the bill (H.R. 2159) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, may proceed according to the following order:

(1) The Speaker may at any time, as though pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of said bill.

(2) The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. Points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 7 of rule XXI are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule.

(3) Points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 or 6 of rule XXI are waived except as follows: beginning with “*Provided*” on page 24, line 8, through “*justice*” on line 16. Where points of order are waived against part of a paragraph, points of order against a provision in another part of such paragraph may be made only against such provision and not against the entire paragraph.

(4) The amendments printed in House Report 105-184 may be offered only by a Member designated in the report and only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as specified in the report, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments printed in the report are waived. No other amendment shall be in order unless printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 6 of rule XXII.

(5) The chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (1) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and (2) reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed question that follows another electronic vote without intervening business, provided that the minimum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be 15 minutes.

(6) At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

(7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this order, the amendment numbered 1 in House Report 105-184 shall be debatable for 40 minutes.

(8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this order, it shall be in order in lieu of the amendment numbered 2 in House Report 105-184 to consider the amendment at the Speaker's desk authored by Representative Gilman of New York, Representative Pelosi of California, Representative Campbell of California, Representative Lowey of

New York, Representative Greenwood of Pennsylvania, Representative DeLauro of Connecticut, and Representative Slaughter of New York, which may be offered by any of the named authors, shall be debatable for 40 minutes, and shall otherwise be considered as though printed as the amendment numbered 2 in House Report 105-184.

(9) House Resolution 185 is laid on the table.

186.37 ENERGY AND WATER

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. KLUG, pursuant to House Resolution 194 and rule XXIII, declared the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2203) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

Mr. OXLEY, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, resumed the chair; and after some time spent therein,

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The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MCINNIS, assumed the Chair.

When Mr. OXLEY, Chairman, reported that the Committee, having had under consideration said bill, had come to no resolution thereon.

186.38 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT— IMMIGRATION REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MCINNIS, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to submit for your immediate consideration and enactment the “Immigration Reform Transition Act of 1997,” which is accompanied by a section-by-section analysis. This legislative proposal is designed to ensure that the complete transition to the new “cancellation of removal” (formerly “suspension of deportation”) provisions of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA; Public Law 104-208) can be accomplished in a fair and equitable manner consistent with our law enforcement needs and foreign policy interests.

This legislative proposal would aid the transition to IIRIRA's new cancellation of removal rules and prevent the unfairness of applying those rules to cases pending before April 1, 1997, the effective date of the new rules. It would also recognize the special circumstances of certain Central Americans who entered the United States in the 1980s in response to civil war and political persecution. The Nicaraguan Review Program, under successive Administrations from 1985 to 1995, protected roughly 40,000 Nicaraguans from deportation while their cases were under review. During this time the *American Baptist Churches v.*

Thornburgh (ABC) litigation resulted in a 1990 court settlement, which protected roughly 190,000 Salvadorans and 50,000 Guatemalans. Other Central Americans have been unable to obtain a decision on their asylum applications for many years. Absent this legislative proposal, many of these individuals would be denied protection from deportation under IIRIRA's new cancellation of removal rules. Such a result would unduly harm stable families and communities here in the United States and undermine our strong interests in facilitating the development of peace and democracy in Central America.

This legislative proposal would delay the effect of IIRIRA's new provisions so that immigration cases pending before April 1, 1997, will continue to be considered and decided under the old suspension of deportation rules as they existed prior to that date. IIRIRA's new cancellation of removal rules would generally apply to cases commended on or after April 1, 1997. This proposal dictates no particular outcome of any case. Every application for suspension of deportation or cancellation of removal must still be considered on a case-by-case basis. The proposal simply restores a fair opportunity to those whose cases have long been in the system or have other demonstrable equities.

In addition to continuing to apply the old standards to old cases, from IIRIRA's annual cap of 4,000 cancellations of removal. It would also exempt from the cap cases of battered spouses and children who otherwise receive such cancellation.

The proposal also guarantees that the cancellation of removal proceedings of certain individuals covered by the 1990 ABC litigation settlement and certain other Central Americans with long-pending asylum claims will be governed by the pre-IIRIRA substantive standard of 7 years continuous physical presence and extreme hardship. It would further exempt those same individuals from IIRIRA's cap. Finally, individuals affected by the legislation whose time has lapsed for reopening their cases following a removal order would be granted 180 days in which to do so.

My Administration is committed to working with the Congress to enact this legislation. If, however, we are unsuccessful in this goal, I am prepared to examine any available administrative options for granting relief to this class of immigrants. These options could include a grant of Deferred Enforced Departure for certain classes of individuals who would qualify for relief from deportation under this legislative proposal. Prompt legislative action on my proposal would ensure a smooth transition to the full implementation of IIRIRA and prevent harsh and avoidable results.

I urge the Congress to give this legislative proposal prompt and favorable consideration.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 24, 1997.

The message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 105-111).

§86.39 ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 709. An Act to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1226. An Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent the unauthorized inspection of tax returns or tax return information.

§86.40 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. PALLONE, for Wednesday, July 23; and

To Mr. YATES, for today after 8 p.m.
And then,

§86.41 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. REDMOND, at 12 o'clock and 23 minutes a.m., Friday, July 25 (legislative day of Thursday, July 24), 1997, the House adjourned.

§86.42 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. COBLE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 567. A bill to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, in order to carry out provisions of certain international conventions, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-199). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. House Concurrent Resolution 98. Resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the SAFE KIDS Buckle Up Car Seat Safety Check (Rept. No. 105-200). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2005. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the application of the Act popularly known as the Death on the High Seas Act to aviation incidents, (Rept. No. 105-201). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 197. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2209) making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-202). Referred to the House Calendar.

§86.43 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. BALDACCIO (for himself and Mr. LAFALCE):

H.R. 2235. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to make permanent the microloan program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. GILMAN:

H.R. 2236. A bill to suspend until January 1, 2000, the duty on Irganox 1520; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 2237. A bill to suspend until January 1, 2000, the duty on Irganox 1425; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 2238. A bill to suspend until January 1, 2000, the duty on Irganox 565; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 2239. A bill to suspend until January 1, 2000, the duty on Irganox 1520LR; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 2240. A bill to suspend until January 1, 2000, the duty on Irgacure 184; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 2241. A bill to suspend until January 1, 2000, the duty on Darocure 1173; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 2242. A bill to suspend until January 1, 2000, the duty on Irgacure 819; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 2243. A bill to suspend until January 1, 2000, the duty on Irgacure 369; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 2244. A bill to suspend until January 1, 2000, the duty on Irgacure 1700; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 2245. A bill to suspend until January 1, 2000, the duty on Irgacor 252LD; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 2246. A bill to suspend until January 1, 2000, the duty on Irgacor 1405; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. MOLINARI (for herself and Mr. SHUSTER):

H.R. 2247. A bill to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak, to authorize appropriations for Amtrak, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LEACH (for himself and Mr. GONZALEZ):

H.R. 2248. A bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions toward religious understanding and peace, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself and Mr. BROWN of California):

H.R. 2249. A bill to authorize appropriations for carrying out the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science.

By Mr. ARCHER (for himself, Mr. GOSS, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. STUMP, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. TALENT, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. CRANE, Mr. HEFNER, Mr. FROST, Mr. PORTER, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. SHAW, Mr. SKEEN, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. GORDON, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. MCCREERY, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. TANNER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. CAMP, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. KLUG, Mr. EHLERS, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. BALDACCIO, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. COBURN, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. EHRLICH, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. GANSKE, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. SAXTON, and Mr. GILLMOR):

H.R. 2250. A bill to amend section 353 of the Public Health Service Act to exempt physician office laboratories from the clinical laboratories requirements of that section; to the Committee on Commerce.